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Title: MAGNETIC HEAD WITH A PERMANENT-MAGNET LAYER STRUCTURE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 11, 13, 14 and 16 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

11. (amended) A slider for use in a magneto-optical device and including the magnetic head as claimed in claim 1.

13. (amended) An optical recording and/or reproducing head having an objective provided with the magnetic head as claimed in Claim 1.

14. (amended) A magneto-optical device including the magnetic head as claimed in Claim 1.

16. (amended) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein use is made of a magneto-optical device having a magnetic head that includes:

an at least substantially flat magnetic coil having at least one coil layer structure including an electrically conductive winding, and

a permanent-magnet layer structure extending substantially parallel to the coil layer structure and having an in-plane magnetic axis.

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REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

11. (amended) A slider for use in a magneto-optical device and including the magnetic head as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ Claims claim 1.

13. (amended) An optical recording and/or reproducing head having an objective provided with the magnetic head as claimed in ~~any one of the Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1.

14. (amended) A magneto-optical device including the magnetic head as claimed in ~~any one of the Claims 1 through 10, or including the slider as claimed in Claim 11 or 12, or including the optical head as claimed in Claim 13.~~

16. (amended) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein use is made of ~~the~~ a magneto-optical device as claimed in Claim 14 having a magnetic head that includes:

an at least substantially flat magnetic coil having at least one coil layer structure including an electrically conductive winding, and

a permanent-magnet layer structure extending substantially parallel to the coil layer structure and having an in-plane magnetic axis.